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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Grant Agreement

GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 97206112 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 DATE OF AWARD PROGRAM CODE: 09/14/2012 TYPE OF ACTION MAILING DATE New 09/21/2012 PAYMENT METHOD: ACH# Reimbursement **PEND**

RECIPIENT TYPE: Send Payment Request to: Not for Profit Grants and Audit Management Branch

PAYEE: RECIPIENT:

Friends and Residents of Greater Gowanus Friends and Residents of Greater Gowanus 268 Smith Street 268 Smith Street Brooklyn, NY 11231

Brooklyn, NY 11231 EIN: 80-0558407

PROJECT MANAGER **EPA PROJECT OFFICER EPA GRANT SPECIALIST**

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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

Gowanus Canal Technical Assistance Grant

The recipient will use the funds to hire a technical advisor (TA) to help it understand complex information contained in EPA technical documents related to hazardous waste site investigations of the Gowanus Canal Superfund site. The TA's information will be shared with the community through Community Advisory Group meetings that will increase community understanding and enable it to more meaningfully participate in the cleanup decision making process.

TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST BUDGET PERIOD PROJECT PERIOD 09/15/2012 - 09/14/2015 09/15/2012 - 09/14/2015 \$62,500.00 \$62,500.00

NOTICE OF AWARD

Based on your application dated 08/01/2012, including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereby awards \$50,000. EPA agrees to cost-share 80,00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$50,000. Such award may be terminated by EPA without further cause if the recipient fails to provide timely affirmation of the award by signing under the Affirmation of Award section and returning all pages of this agreement to the Grants Management Office listed below within 21 days after receipt, or any extension of time, as may be granted by EPA. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA statutory provisions. The applicable regulatory provisions are 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, and all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.

ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)	AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS
Grants and Audit Management Branch 290 Broadway, 27th Floor New York, NY 10007-1866	U.S. EPA, Region 2 Emergency and Remedial Response Division 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Donna J. Vizian - Assistant Regional Administrator for Policy and Management

DATE 09/14/2012

Richard Manna - Award Official delegate

AFFIRMATION OF AWARD

BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION

TYPED NAME AND TITLE **SIGNATURE** DATE Marlene Donnelly, Core Group Co Chair

EPA Funding Information

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FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
State Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$	\$	\$0
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$0	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.806 - Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) for Community Groups at National Priority List (NPL) Sites	CERCLA: Sec. 117(e)	40 CFR PTS 30 & 35 SUBPT M

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Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
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									50,000

Budget Summary Page: FROGG TAG GRANT

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$12,500
2. Fringe Benefits	\$0
3. Travel	\$0
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$945
6. Contractual	\$47,025
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$2,030
9. Total Direct Charges	\$62,500
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	\$0
11. Total (Share: Recipient 20.00 % Federal 80.00 %.)	\$62,500
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$50,000
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$50,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$50,000

Administrative Conditions

GENERAL CONDITION

The recipient covenants and agrees that it will expeditiously initiate and timely complete the project work for which assistance has been awarded under this agreement, in accordance with all applicable provisions of 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter B. The recipient warrants, represents, and agrees that it, and all its contractors, employees and representatives, will comply with all applicable provisions of 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter B, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO the provisions of 40 CFR 35 subpart M.

1. PAYMENT

The approved method of payment for this grant is the Reimbursement method. Payment requests are to be submitted on Form SF-270 ("Request for Advance or Reimbursement") on a quarterly basis. Payment requests for costs incurred greater than \$500 may be submitted monthly. The recipient may request payment only for costs which have been properly incurred, are due, payable and are included in the approved budget.

Documentation for amounts requested must be provided with each request for reimbursement, including copies of receipts for purchases made by the recipient, timesheets for all staff who charge their time to the agreement and bills/invoices from the technical advisor, along with a description of services rendered, time spent, and charges. Documentation for any in-kind contributions must include copies of timesheets for paid staff and volunteers, lists of supplies purchased and their cost, documentation of usage of office equipment or other items (if included in the approved budget). In order for any in-kind contributions included for volunteer technical advisors to be allowable as part of the recipient's matching share, the volunteer technical advisor must meet the qualifications for technical advisors that are described in the regulations at 40 CFR 35.4190, and acceptable documentation of these qualifications must be provided to the EPA Grants Office. The recipient understands that cash contributions are not considered as part of the matching share unless they have been expended on documented grant-eligible expenditures.

The recipient shall submit payment requests and all supporting documentation in pdf format to the EPA Grants and Audit Management Branch at Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov for review by the EPA Grant Specialist and Project Officer.

2. ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that Federal payments be made by electronic funds transfer. In order to comply with the Act, a recipient must receive payments via one of two electronic mechanisms available to them:

A) Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)

The ASAP system is the preferred method of payment for EPA grantees. ASAP enrollment is highly encouraged for organizations that have multiple grants/cooperative agreements and for those with a frequent need to request funds. If your organization uses multiple bank accounts for EPA grants/cooperative agreements, you must enroll in ASAP. If you are interested in requesting and receiving funds paperless and electronically via ASAP, please complete the ASAP Initiate Enrollment form located at http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/forms.htm and fax it to LVFC at 702-798-2423 or email it to LVFC-grants@epa.gov.

Under this payment mechanism, the Recipient initiates, via ASAP, an electronic payment

request which is approved or rejected based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the Recipient's account. Approved funds are credited to the recipient organization at the financial institution identified on the recipient's ASAP enrollment application. Additional information concerning ASAP and enrollment can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center, at LVFC-grants@epa.gov, or (702) 798-2485, or by visiting www.fms.treas.gov/asap.

B) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Under this payment mechanism, the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center will obtain your organization's banking information from your Central Contractor Registry (CCR) registration. Upon completion of required Regional training and receipt of the award affirmation, a Las Vegas Finance Center Representative will send you an email message with your EFT Control Number and payment information. Additional information concerning EFT can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center at LVFC-grants@epa.gov, or (702) 798-2485, or by visiting http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/payinfo.htm

NOTE: If your banking information is not correct or changes at any time prior to the end of your agreement, please update your SAM registration and notify the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center as soon as possible so the new banking information can be retrieved. This is vital to ensure proper and timely deposit of funds.

In accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient agrees to draw cash only as needed for its disbursement. Failure on the part of the recipient to comply with this condition may cause the undisbursed portions of the assistance agreement to be revoked and financing method changed to a reimbursable basis.

3. REIMBURSEMENT LIMITATION

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as shown on line 15 in its EPA approved budget. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk.

4. MANAGEMENT FEES

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

5. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurement under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D - Current Fair Share Objective/Goal This assistance agreement is a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG); or the award amount is \$250,000 or less; or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements from EPA in the current Federal fiscal year is \$250,000 or less. Therefore, the recipient of this assistance

agreement is exempt from the fair share objective requirements of 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, and is not required to negotiate a fair share objective/goal for the utilization of MBE/WBEs in its procurements.

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to ensure that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- (a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- (b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- (d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- (e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Sections 33.502 and 33.503

The recipient agrees to complete and submit EPA Form 5700-52A, "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" beginning with the Federal fiscal year reporting period the recipient receives the award, and continuing until the project is completed. Only procurements with certified MBE/WBEs are counted toward a recipient's MBE/WBE accomplishments.

The reports must be submitted **annually** for the period ending September 30th for:

- 40 CFR Part 30 Recipients (Non-profits and Institutions of Higher Education); and/or
- 40 CFR Part 35 Subpart A and Subpart B Recipients.

The reports are due within 30 days of the end of the annual reporting period (October 30th). Reports should be sent to Michele Junker, the Region 2 DBE Coordinator. Final MBE/WBE reports must be submitted within 90 days after the project period of the grant ends. Your grant cannot be officially closed without all MBE/WBE reports.

EPA Form 5700-52A may be obtained from the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page on the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/osbp/grants.htm.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

6. FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS/GRANT CLOSEOUT

A) Interim Federal Financial Reports (FFRs)

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.52(a)(1) and 30.71(a), EPA recipients shall submit an interim annual Federal Financial Report (SF-425) to EPA no later than 90 calendar days following each anniversary of the start date of the agreement. The FFR must be faxed to the Las Vegas Finance Office at 702-798-2423, emailed to LVFC-grants@epa.gov, or sent to the address below. A courtesy copy of the interim FFR can be submitted to the Grants and Audit Management Branch using one of the following options: email to Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov, fax to 212-637-3518 or sent to us in the mail at U.S. EPA - Region 2, 290 Broadway, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10007. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format.

B) Final Federal Financial Report

At the end of the project, the recipient must submit a final Federal Financial Report to EPA no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the project period. The form is available on the internet at http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/forms.htm. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center:

US EPA, Las Vegas Finance Center 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Bld C, Rm 503 Las Vegas, NV 89119

or by email: LVFC-grants@epa.gov or Fax to: 702-798-2423. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format.

The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 40 CFR 30.62 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.

C) Closeout

The Administrative Closeout Phase for this grant will be initiated with the submission of a "final" FFR. At that time, the recipient must submit the following forms/reports to the EPA Region 2 Grants and Audit Management Branch, if applicable:

- Federally Owned Property Report
- An Inventory of all Property Acquired with federal funds
- Contractor's or Grantee's Invention Disclosure Report (EPA Form 3340-3)

Additionally, the recipient's Final Request for Payment should be submitted to the LVFC.

7. EXTENSION OF PROJECT/BUDGET PERIOD EXPIRATION DATE (PART 30)

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §30.25(f)(2), the recipient is authorized, without EPA's approval, to extend the project and budget period expiration date(s) for up to 12 months as long as the extension:

- is not prohibited by the terms and conditions of the award;
- does not require additional Federal funds;
- does not involve any change in the approved objective or scope of the project;
- does not extend the project merely for the purpose of using an unobligated balance; or
- is not precluded by a statute or regulation, or is authorized solely on the basis of terms set forth in the statutes.

If the recipient chooses this one-time extension, the recipient must submit a written justification with the revised expiration date and interim FFR (SF-425) to EPA at least 10 days before the expiration date of this award document. The extension request must be in writing and should be submitted to the EPA, Grants and Audit Management Branch using one of the following options: email to Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov, fax to 212-637-3518 or sent to us in the mail at U.S. EPA -Region 2, 290 Broadway, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10007. The FFR must be emailed or faxed to the Las Vegas Finance Office at LVFC-grants@epa.gov or 702-798-2423 or sent to the address below. To expedite processing of your request, please submit a courtesy copy of the interim FFR to the Grants and Audit Management Branch along with your extension request. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format.

If an extension is not necessary, the recipient shall submit a final FFR to the EPA, Las Vegas Finance Center within 90 days after the project period expiration date.

US EPA, Las Vegas Finance Center 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Bld C, Rm 503 Las Vegas, NV 89119

or by email: LVFC-grants@epa.gov or Fax to: 702-798-2423. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format.

8. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION FOR ALL EPA RECIPIENTS

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart B. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart C.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart E. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2 Part 1536 at http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=701081165f70316effa8ebf67df73de0&rgn=div5&view=text&node=2:1.2.11.11.2&idno=2.

9. HOTEL-MOTEL FIRE SAFETY

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel/ to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

10. LOBBYING AND LITIGATION

The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.

LOBBYING - PART 30 RECIPIENTS

All contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provision as stipulated in the Appendix at Title 40 CFR Part 30.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

11. RECYCLING AND WASTE PREVENTION

In accordance with the polices set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007) and or 40 CFR 30.16, the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

STATE AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

In accordance with 40 CFR 30.16, State and local institutions of higher education, hospitals, and non-profit organizations that receive direct Federal funds shall give preference in their procurement programs funded with Federal funds to the purchase of recycled products pursuant to EPA's guidelines.

12. SINGLE AUDITS

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which implements the Single Audit Act, the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor, if it expends \$500,000 or more in total Federal funds in any fiscal year. Within nine months after the end of a recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from the auditor, the recipient shall submit the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package. **The recipient MUST** submit the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package, using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System. Complete information on how to

accomplish the single audit submissions, you will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: http://harvester.census.gov/fac/

13. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Recipients shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1532. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipients may access suspension and debarment information at http://www.sam.gov. This system allows recipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

14. TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- a. Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity
 - 1. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not
 - i. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect:
 - ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
 - 2. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity
 - i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - A. Associated with performance under this award: or
 - B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our Agency at 2 CFR 1532.
- b. Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—
 - 1. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
 - 2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either
 - i. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR 1532

c. Provisions applicable to any recipient

- 1. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term.
- 2. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph
- a.2 or b of this section:
 - i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
 - ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
- 3. You must include the requirements of paragraph a.1 of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.

d. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

- 1. "Employee" means either:
 - i. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under

this award; or

- ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
- 2. "Forced labor" means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
- 3. "Private entity":
 - i. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.
 - ii. Includes:
 - A. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).
 - B. A for-profit organization.
- 4. "Severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," and "coercion" have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

15. DUNS AND CCR/SAM REQUIREMENTS

Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements.

- A. Requirement for Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM). Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the SAM until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.
- B. <u>Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers</u>. If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:
 - 1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.

- 2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.
- C. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this award term:
 - Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the System for Award Management (SAM) Internet site http://www.sam.gov.
 - Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform).
 - 3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
 - a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
 - b. A foreign public entity;
 - c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
 - d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
 - e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
 - 4. Subaward:

- a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
- b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec. --.210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations").
- c. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you consider a contract.

5. Subrecipient means an entity that:

- a. Receives a subaward from you under this award; and
- b. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

16. SUBAWARD POLICY

- a. The recipient agrees to:
 - 1. Establish all subaward agreements in writing;
 - 2. Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a subrecipient);
 - 3. Ensure that any subawards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
 - 4. Ensure that any subawards are awarded to eligible subrecipients and that proposed subaward costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
 - 5. Ensure that any subawards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
 - 6. Monitor the performance of their recipients and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the subaward;
 - 7. Obtain EPA's consent before making a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country; and
 - 8. Obtain approval from EPA for any new subaward work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.
- b. Any questions about subrecipient eligibility or other issues pertaining to subawards should be addressed to the recipient's EPA Project Officer. Additional information regarding subawards may be found at http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-policy-part-2.pdf. Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and subrecipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 can be found at http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf and http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html.
- c. The recipient is responsible for selecting its subrecipients and, if applicable, for conducting subaward competitions.

17. SUBAWARD REPORTING AND COMPENSATION

- I. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.
 - a. Reporting of first-tier subawards.
 - 1. Applicability. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, you must report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph e of this award term).

- 2. Where and when to report.
 - i. You must report each obligating action described in paragraph a.1. of this award term to www.fsrs.gov.
 - ii. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010.)
- 3. What to report. You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at www.fsrs.gov specify.
- b. Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.
 - 1. <u>Applicability and what to report</u>. You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if
 - i. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more;
 - ii. in the preceding fiscal year, you received—
 - (A) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
 - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
 - iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.)
 - 2. Where and when to report. You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.1. of this award term:
 - i. As part of your registration Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management profile available at www.sam.gov.
 - ii. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.
 - c. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.
 - 1. <u>Applicability and what to report</u>. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if -
 - i. in the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received—
 - (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement

- contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and,
- (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and
- ii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.)
- 2. Where and when to report. You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph c.1. of this award term:
 - i. To the recipient.
 - ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), you must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

d. Exemptions

- 1. If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:
 - i. Subawards, and
 - ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient
- e. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:
 - 1. Entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR part 25:
 - i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
 - ii. A foreign public entity;
 - iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
 - iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization;
 - v. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
 - 2. <u>Executive</u> means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

3. Subaward:

- i. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
- ii. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec. --.210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit

Organizations").

- iii. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.
- 4. Subrecipient means an entity that:
 - i. Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and
 - ii. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
- 5. <u>Total compensation</u> means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):
 - i. Salary and bonus .
 - ii. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
 - iii. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
 - iv. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
 - v. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified .
 - vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

18. MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NON-PROFIT RECIPIENTS

Recipient acknowledges that two employees of this recipient organization must complete the mandatory on-line training, "EPA Grant Management Training for Non-Profit Applicants and Recipients." One person must be the project manager, or equivalent, for this assistance agreement. The other individual must be the person authorized to draw down funds for this assistance agreement. The training must be completed by both employees prior to the return of the award document to EPA and the receipt of any grant funds. The course can be accessed at:

http://www.epa.gov/ogd/

At the end of the course the recipient must print, sign and return the certificate of completion with the affirmation of acceptance to the EPA, Grants and Audit Management Branch using one of the following options: email to Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov, fax to 212-637-3518 or sent to us in the mail at U.S. EPA - Region 2, 290 Broadway, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10007. EPA will not release funds to the recipient until the required training is completed. Certifications must be maintained throughout the life of the agreement. The training must be completed every three (3) years by both employees and when there are personnel changes.

19. PROCUREMENT

The recipient shall follow the requirements of 40 CFR 35.4190 through 35.4240 in awarding any contracts under this grant. Prior to awarding or amending any contract over \$1,000, the recipient shall submit the contract to the EPA Grants and Audit Management Branch at Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov for review and comment by the EPA Grant Specialist and Project Officer.

20. ACORN

Congress has prohibited EPA from using its FY 2011 appropriations to provide funds to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or any of its subsidiaries. None of the funds provided under this agreement may be used for subawards/subgrants or contracts to ACORN or its subsidiaries. Recipients should direct any questions about this prohibition to their EPA Grants Management Office.

Programmatic Conditions

1. PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

TAG recipients subject to 40 CFR Part 35.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS

In accordance with 40 CFR 35.4170(c), the recipient shall submit, to the EPA Project Officer and to the EPA Grant Specialist, quarterly progress reports providing a full description in chart or narrative format of the progress made in relation to the approved schedule, budget and the project milestones, including:

- · an explanation of any special problems encountered
- a comparison of actual accomplishments with the anticipated outputs/outcomes specified in the assistance agreement work plan
- · reasons why anticipated outputs/outcomes were not met
- other pertinent information, including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.

The quarterly progress reports are due each May 15, August 15, November 15 and February 15 for the duration of the agreement.

FINAL PROJECT REPORT

In accordance with 40 CFR 35.4170(e), the recipient agrees to submit two copies of the Final Project Report, one copy to the EPA Project Officer and one copy to the EPA Grant Specialist. The Final Project is due within 90 days after the end of the budget/project period. The report will include any agreed-upon work-product(s) resulting from the project and the following:

- · description of project goals and objectives;
- · activities undertaken to achieve goals and objectives;
- · difficulties encountered:
- · technical advisors' work products; and
- · funds spent.
- · a comparison of actual accomplishments with the anticipated outputs/outcomes specified in the assistance agreement work plan; and
- · reasons why anticipated outputs/outcomes were not met

2. FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Unless the event(s) and all of its components (i.e., receptions, banquets and other activities that take place after normal business hours) are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops, and outreach activities (events).

The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- (1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s):
- (2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event.
- (3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles.

Recipients may address questions about whether costs for light refreshments, and meals for events are allowable to the recipient's EPA Project Officer. However, the Agency Award Official or Grant Management Officer will make final determinations on allowability. Agency policy prohibits the use of EPA funds for receptions, banquets and similar activities that take place after normal business hours unless the recipient has provided a justification that has been expressly approved by EPA's Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

Note: U.S. General Services Administration regulations define light refreshments for morning, afternoon or evening breaks to include, but not be limited to, coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, or muffins. (41 CFR 301-74.11)

3. SUFFICIENT PROGRESS

EPA may terminate the assistance agreement for failure of the recipient to make sufficient progress so as to reasonably ensure completion of the project with in the project period, including any extensions. EPA will measure sufficient progress by examining the performance required under the workplan in conjunction with the milestone schedule, the time remaining for performance within the project period, and/or the availability of funds necessary to complete the project.